
 a plurality of input connection terminals interposed between and engaging the input terminals and tab terminals, and an output connection terminal interposed between and engaging the output terminals and the tab terminals.--

REMARKS

Claims 21-41 are pending. By this Amendment After Request For Continued Examination (RCE), claims 21 and 29 are amended and claims 40 and 41 are added. No new matter is added. The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each claim (37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii)). Reconsideration of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiner Nguyen for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the February 25 personal interview. During the interview, it was agreed that reciting that the fuse mount holes receive "entire bodies of the fuse pieces" overcomes the rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,280,253.

Claim 29 is amended to correct an informality

The Pending Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 24-39. By this Amendment After RCE, new claims 40 and 41 are added to recite the features of claims 24 and 31 in independent form. As such, claims 40 and 41 should be allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,280,253 B1 to Kraus et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 21 recites, *inter alia*, that a plurality of fuse mount holes separately receive entire bodies of fuse pieces.

As agreed during the personal interview, Kraus does not teach or suggest this feature. As such, claim 21 is patentably distinct from the applied prior art.

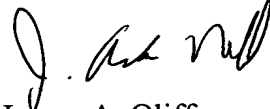
Claims 22 and 23 are allowable at least for their dependence on an allowable base claim. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claims:

21. (Amended) A fuse module comprising:

a plurality of fuse pieces, each including a plate-shape input terminal, a plate-shape output terminal, and a fusing element connected between the output and input terminals;

a fuse casing made of an insulating material and including a plurality of fuse mount holes that separately receive entire bodies of the fuse pieces; and

tab terminals incorporated in the fuse casing and electrically connected with the output and input terminals respectively.

29. (Amended) A fuse module according to claim 2928, wherein the pairs of press contact blades are arranged at same pitches.

Claims 40 and 41 are added.